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SAN DIEGO AND IMPERIAL COUNTIES

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94/125 Freeway Widening and Interchange

OVERALL GOALS

- Increase traffic capacity on SR-125;
- Improve traffic circulation at the 94/125 interchange; and
- Reduce congestion on local arterials.

■ THE PROJECT

This project proposes to widen SR-125 from the current six lanes (three in each direction) to ten lanes plus auxiliary lanes from Spring Street to south of Lemon Avenue. This project also proposes to construct direct freeway-to-freeway connections from southbound SR-125 to eastbound SR-94 and westbound SR-94 to northbound SR-125.

TRAFFIC

This segment of SR-125 currently carries approximately 110,000 vehicles per day. It is anticipated that by 2020, the demand will be for approximately 240,000 vehicles. This project is anticipated to provide the necessary capacity for this doubling of traffic. Freeway operations and traffic circulation on adjacent local arterials are also anticipated to improve with the addition of these new freeway-to-freeway connectors.

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS

It is anticipated that an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement will need to be processed.

FUNDING

The total estimated cost of the project, depending on which alternative design is selected, ranges from \$90 to \$115 million. There is currently \$60 million programmed for the project as part of the State Transportation Congestion Relief Program (TCRP). Due to the State's budget situation, most of these funds are currently not available. The project was also identified in the recently approved TransNet sales tax extension, but the timeline for financing of the project through TransNet has not yet been determined.

SCHEDULE

Environmental studies for the project are scheduled to begin this month. Once they are reinitiated, it will take approximately three to four years to complete this phase. That phase would be followed by approximately two years of design and right of way acquisition, and two years of construction.

CONTACT

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